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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA PERMREP BOTHA CALL ON TOLBERT,
NEWARK AIRPORT, NOV. 6

1. BOTHA APPEARED IN BRANIFF'S VIP LOUNGE AT NEWARK AIR-
PORT WHERE LIBERIANS AND AF/W DIRECTOR WERE SAYING FARE-
WELL TO PRESIDENT AND ENTOURAGE BEFORE THEY TOOK OFF FOR
BARBADOS.

2. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE EMMITT HARMON TOLD LOUGHRAN
BOTHA'S PRESENCE WAS MOST IRREGULAR AS HE HAD NOT SIGNALLED
HIS DESIRE BE PRESENT OR, TO HARMON'S KNOWLEDGE, HAD ANY
LIBERIAN IN EMBASSY OR MISSION INVITED BOTHA TO COME.

3. TOLBERT NEVERTHELESS RECOGNIZED BOTHA AND PROCEEDED
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HAVE PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH HIM ALONE BUT IN FULL VIEW

OF ALL PRESENT INCLUDING FONMIN DENNIS AND AMBASSADORS
PEAL, BARNES, AND HARMON.

4. PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN PRIVATE FIVE MINUTE FAREWELL
TALK WITH AF/W DIRECTOR FOLLOWING BOTHA'S DEPARTURE
SHOWED NO INCLINATION PROVIDE DETAILS OF THIS DISCUSSION
WITH BOTHA.

5. COMMENT: WHILE FOREGOING MAY HAVE LITTLE OR NO
IMPORTANCE, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH FOLLOW UP WITH PRESIDENT
FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM GUYANA. INGERSOLL

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